

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
June 18, 2023 10:30 a.m.
Father's Day**

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“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.” (Deuteronomy 5:16)

GATHERING MUSIC

Leonora Knight

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR FATHERS

God, our Heavenly Parent, on this day we celebrate and honor our fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and others who have been like fathers to us. We mourn with those who are missing their fathers and loved ones. We grieve with those for whom this day is difficult, for those who have lost a child, or are unable to have children. We remember that You are our Parent, Creator of Us All, and in Your image we are beautifully made. May we worship You today as we celebrate together. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, we recognize our fathers, stepfathers, and others who have nurtured and guided us in our lives.

We thank God for those who have been fathers to us.

We honor our grandfathers, our uncles, brothers, teachers, mentors, and coaches: those who have demonstrated love and care to us in our lives.

We thank God for those who have been like fathers to us.

We appreciate and especially honor all those who have extended fatherly tenderness and love in our lives, past and present.

We thank God for those who have filled a fatherly role in our lives.

We pray with those who are mourning the loss of fathers today, and for those whose fathers were absent or abusive.

May their pain be eased, and may they know God's embrace.

We ask God's blessing, as a father loves a child.

Amen.

HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

*Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our fathers, we will love – both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whom Jesus called "Abba," You know what is right for us. But too often, we want things our way or no way, instead of Your way. Have mercy on us when we turn from You. Forgive us when we do not realize Your love and direction for all of us. Teach us anew how to follow You, as we pray in the name of Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank You, God, for meeting us in our need. We give so that others might respond to the Good News of Your love. With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank You, God, for Your steadfast love that endures forever. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Daniel 7:8-10
Revelation 4:1-3

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Beholding Our Father, God”

Rev. Sevi Regis

HYMN # 293

This Is My Father’s World

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.*

*Our God has made this world. Oh, let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heaven be one.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Welcome, Rev. Sevi Regis

Today, we welcome Rev. Sevi Regis to the pulpit while Pastor Ann is taking a Continuing Education Sunday. Sevi is no stranger to our church: she has worshiped with us on several occasions, and she was one of the readers at our Lessons and Carols Service last December.

Reverend Sevi Regis was formally ordained in 1998 by Reverend Leon J. Ferguson, through the ministry at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, where she served as a medical chaplain. She served in that capacity for about 20 years at nursing homes, hospitals, and hospices. Rev. Regis has also authored several books, and is preparing to launch a podcast. She loves animals, nature, music, art, and most of all, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Sevi is happy to make herself available after today's Service to anyone who would like private prayer or a blessing.

No Coffee Hour Today

Because today is a holiday, there will be no coffee hour today. Enjoy your day!

Father's Day

Today is Father's Day, where we honor our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other men who have been important in our lives.

The photographs on the Communion Table remind us of these men. We thank God for them and for the ways they have influenced our lives.

Summer Schedule

Our summer worship schedule kicks in on July 2 and goes through Labor Day Weekend. We will worship at 10:00 a.m. When the weather gets really warm, we will worship in our air-conditioned parlor.

Becoming a Contagious Christian Class

Session 6 of *Becoming a Contagious Christian* will be held for Session members On June 26 after Coffee Hour. This will be the final class. Congratulations on completing the course!

Pentecost Offering

Thank you for your generosity regarding last week's Pentecost Offering. This offering is a denomination-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the offering stays in our church and goes to a charity of our choice.

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